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Readers Say—

Hymnology Needs Improving

To the Editor:

In a May 1, 1958 *Action* editorial I noted that the American Hymn Society is busily engaged in a house cleaning operation, in part long overdue. The editorial did not seem to admit the need for improvement in the Hymnology of the Evangelical Church.

To the Editor I commend a book by our brother Frank E. Gaebelein, *The Pattern of God's Truth*, in which he quotes another good brother, Dr. A. W. Tozer, as follows: "There is, unfortunately, a feeling in some quarters today that there is something innately wrong about learning, and that to be spiritual one must also be stupid . . . . This is reflected in a wretchedly inferior religious literature, a slap-happy type of religious meeting, and a grade of Christian song so low as to be positively embarrassing" (pg. 104). I also commend a number of feature articles which have appeared in other Christian periodicals such as *Moody Monthly* and *Christian Life* in the past four years which have pointed out the serious blight which comes upon churches as a result of too much and the wrong kind of "Gospel" music.

Rather than being on the side of improvement your policy seems in this case to be to harbor the sentimental, the cheap and the tawdry! This is inconsistent with biblical teaching, the common sense which is God given, and even the editorial policy (attitude) as expressed, for example, in the next to the last paragraph, February 15, '58; in "Love and Law," March 15, '58, and the next to the last paragraph of "Evangelical Literary Gains" in April 15, '58.

Any practice whereby the American Hymn Society recklessly abandons the great hymns of the Church (or alters them) which adhere to the tenets of the historic creeds beginning with the Apostles' Creed should be censured. But to imply that "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden" are fine examples of Christian hymnology—in the context you write, "these modern revolutionaries are sending *the dearest treasures of the Church to their hymnic guillotine*" (emphasis mine)—is to display an appalling bias, to fail to recognize that which constitutes the great literature and music produced by the Church which ought to take priority over the volumes of mediocre substitutes, or an inability to differentiate that which glorifies God and that which merely touches humanity's superficial emotions.

Only a bigot would fail to admit that the above Gospel songs have a "useful" place in Christian expression. But the spiritual fibre of Evangelicals would be immeasurably strengthened were hymns such as "O Sacred Head," "A Mighty Fortress" and "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" more frequently used than the "song with . . . lilt and life," songs which any objective non-christian immediately recognizes as being essentially the jazz or the "pop" that they are, thus not suited for expressions of worship.

Action is a useful magazine, of which the Editorial page is an important part. May the Editor continue to use it as a means of instruction and challenge, of warning and admonition, to the glory of God, the edification of the saints and the salvation of the Lost.

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On Church Planning

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in reference to Dr. George L. Ford's recent fine article, "The Crisis in Church Extension for Evangelicals," in the May 1, 1958 issue of *Action*.

The call which Dr. Ford makes for NAE-oriented church extension people to organize to meet the planning and research demands of a carefully thought-out church planning program is timely.

Reference has been gently made to the "'comity' program of control" presumably sponsored by the National Council of Churches with which I am identified by the article through my coauthorship of *Church and City Planning* with Reverend Everett Perry.

Not being an officer of the National Council of Churches, I do not presume to speak for the Council. I do not now nor have I ever favored any system of control or overpowering dominance in the churching process which would prevent individual initiative, or which would limit the availability of public information and tax-supported planning and research services to any particular denomination, inter-denominational agency, sect or other type of religious body, group, or association.

The public planner must maintain a most scrupulous observance of the letter and spirit of the doctrine of separation of church and state. The services of the planning agency must be freely available to any legitimate organization seeking planning service and information. Just as Gimbel's and Macy's must be received and treated with scrupulous equality, so must the NCC, the NAE, the Roman Catholic Church, the various Hebrew congregations, and the individual and denominational church representatives who are coming with most welcome frequency to the city planner for aid, advice and assistance. The planner may wish that these various interests could reach a more elevated stage of mutual love and affection and arrive at some measure of inter-cooperation as a preface to their approach to church and city planning. That was the wish expressed hopefully if wistfully in the article's reference to Hoover and Perry's suggestion that "perhaps someday it can be the headquarters for the Catholics and the Jews as well," (i.e., a common downtown church center.)

If there is no common roof which will cover those seeking their right to worship in their several ways, it is at least hoped that mutual arrangements can be reached which will prevent over-churching some areas while others are underchurched.

I believe that Dr. Ford's article is a step in this direction, even though he may not fully agree.

Royal Oak, Mich. ROBERT C. HOOVER

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WORLD CRISIS AND ETERNAL LIFE

By ROBERT JAMES ST. CLAIR

APPARENTLY things have come to a pretty pass when we are speaking of world events in terms of eternal life, but eternal life has always been a strong point among evangelicals, and they, too, undoubtedly have some role in the rapidly mounting crescendo of dark events. Their role, however, and even their direction have not been at all clear to everyone, much less themselves. While the world spins madly with all sorts of objects flying overhead they hold on by their fingertips chatting about advent, Bible study and cottage prayer meetings. And what do these have to do with anything important that is going on?

Of course, one may make quite a case for confusion by flatly stating that evangelical Christianity does not want a role in the confusion of a space age and the deadlock of east and west. It may be superficial but close to the truth to state that if there is a role adopted it is keeping one's self clear of entangling alliances while the elect participate in the rapidly consummating plan of God. And this means warning against the dangers of world government and the UN, preserving free enterprise, examining radical sects that lead us astray, and keeping abreast of prophecies that seem to be fulfilled.

On the other hand, evangelical Christianity has the doctrine of eternal life, and a more perspicacious examination of the significance of this life provides not only an understanding, but a role as well, and militates against the painful understanding among sophisticates that anyone who is doing something influential and genuinely relevant in world affairs could be almost anyone but never could be a fundamentalist.

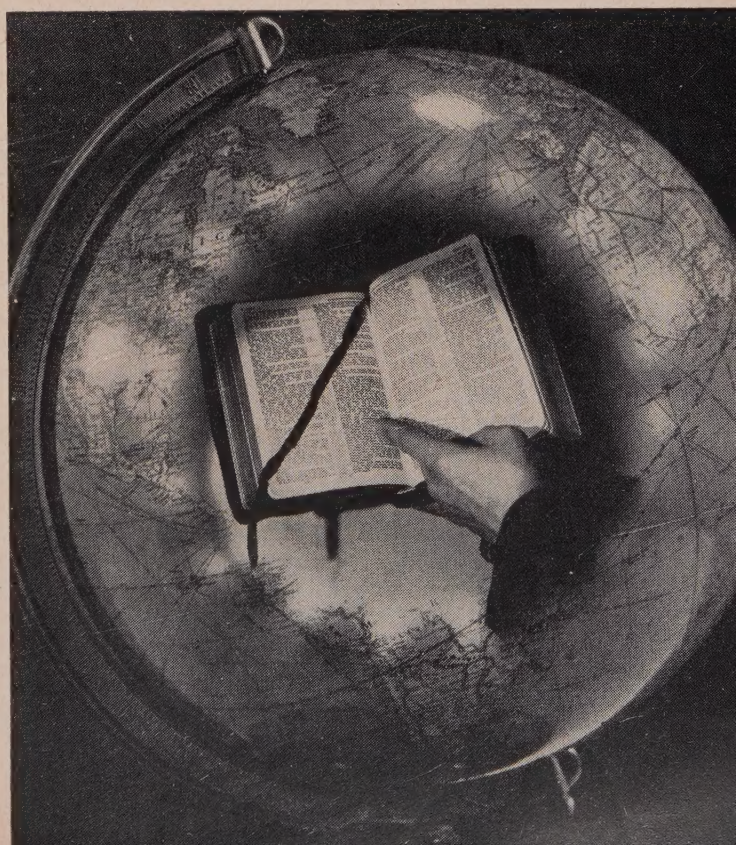
The false emphases placed on the term "eternal life" (and these tend to be fostered by fear in the midst of world turmoil) are as follows: (1) Eternal life is a gift which completely divorces the receiver from the flow of events in political and social spheres; (2) eternal life is a paradise which one comes into inheriting immediately following death; (3) eternal life is a kind of badge separating the elect from the rest, by which Christ will recognize whom He came for in His Return; (4) eternal life is a consolation because of its duration, that is, it primarily means the soul will live on and on and on.

In "A Study of History," Arnold J. Toynbee studies a type of "futurism" which is a primary mark of a disintegrating society. The bedeviled soul shoots off into future glory while the quicksand slowly envelops him.

The biblical exposition of eternal life rejects this type of futurism. It does not emphasize the factor of duration. The point about the "eternal" is not separation or duration, but quality. It is the life of the eternal God within the soul; indeed, considering the unity of the believer with Christ it is the effulgent life of the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is life rooted in another dimension. It is life glorified by immanence, for the abundant, victorious life is really "the way, the truth and the life." "He that hath the Son hath life," and the Pharisees strutting in cowardly isolation on the bank of a sea of troubles could never understand how it was that eternal Life could eat and drink and walk among sinners.

The Revelation of Christ means a vindication in history and time of the *life* which has struggled in holiness against the terrors of unbridled and militant evil. It is *the* Life exercising its sovereignty among the lives in which He dwelt. The inheritance of eternal life is a victory assured to be the portion of those engaged in the Life-stimulated struggles here and now. The ostrich brand of fundamentalist futurism cannot suppress something akin to relief that matters are going from bad to worse, since the worse things become, the closer is Christ's personal Return. Beware lest the believer be found going about doing politically good in order to hold back the tribulation of the end times, for the tribulation is included in God's plan for the ages! On the other hand, the Church is exhorted to new endeavors of courage, foresight, steadfastness and labor for God whenever the Return is spoken of in Scripture. The former futurism spends its time with a slide rule and calendar attempting to determine where we are chronologically in God's plan. The latter is energized by the eternal Life here and now to live with evangelistic zeal, political sagacity, and combats evil on its militant scale with resounding courage and imagination.

The temporal life finds security in idols placed on the face of the cosmos as a projection of the self. It considers present world might the dominant factor influencing history, and tokens of might (sputnik) carry tremendous psychological weight. The whole stage for man is limited to time, and death is the ultimate final catastrophe. Eternal life, on the other hand, despises cowardice because Christ the Life spans time and eternity. The fulfillment of God's Plan (Eph. 1:10) does not hinge on the implementation of a political scheme,



because the Plan will consummate God's order in righteousness. Worldly utopia is the goal of the temporal life. The universal reign of God in His kingdom is the goal of the eternal life. Courage in pursuing the moral issue is fundamental for the citizen of that kingdom. The hydrogen bomb cannot put a period after history. The saving of western civilization as such is not the goal of the kingdom. The Christian considers that his only truly permanent possession is the eternal life given him by Christ.

While it is true that the Church does not exist to save western civilization, it is above all true that the league of free democracies will only be strengthened by breathing into their souls the courageous resourcefulness of eternal life. Toynbee states: "This swift succession of catastrophic events on a steeply mounting gradient inevitably inspires a dark doubt about our future, and this doubt threatens to undermine our faith and hope at a critical eleventh hour which calls for the utmost exertion of these saving spiritual faculties."

The horrible threat to the foundations of democratic freedom is the refusal to face or understand the strategic and demonic nature of Communistic evil, and to live in an opium-filled temporal world where appeasement is esteemed as salvation. In a 6,000-word communique issued after a meeting of delegates from twelve countries in Moscow last November, we discover these excerpts: "No difficulties or obstacles can change now, nor will they be able to change in the future, the objective laws governing historical progress or affect the determination of the working class to transform the old world and create a new one." . . . "Today in a number of capitalist countries the working class has the opoprtunity . . . to win state power without a civil war . . . In the event of the ruling classes resorting to violence against people, the possibility of nonpeaceful transition to socialism should be borne in mind. Leninism teaches, and experience confirms, that the ruling classes never relinquish power voluntarily."

The Soviets have frequently made it plain that the ultimate goal is world dictatorship by the ruling Communist party. When they sent the first satellite into the air, lovers of the temporal life went hysterical with fear. The billions America poured into world relief were forgotten, and it was declared that we were a second rate power. In addition, America was declared to be scientifically mediocre despite the fact that this country spent millions that could have gone into satellites but were expended for advances in research, medicine, wonder drugs and Point Four aid. Walter Lippman became ecstatic over an article in *Foreign Affairs* by Lloyd Berkner in which he states that the military stalemate is being broken by the intellectual leadership of Russia. Despite the fact that the struggle is spiritual, and America's intellectual greatness has been rooted in her Christian heritage, there are wild rumors to the effect that America must train its youth to be an army of scientists, or perish.

Again it is Walter Lippmann voicing the opium-smoker's dream of accommodation of world power. The freedom-loving democracies must realize that Russia is, in many ways, on top, and there is nothing for anyone to do but come to terms with her. He states: "The only answer possible is to say that strategic determent will work if, but only if, it is accompanied by a diplomacy of accommodation which is based upon a recognition of the realities of the balance of power."

The power of wishful thinking in the temporal world must be witnessed in Britain to gain a sense of its magnitude. Prime Minister Macmillan actually suggested a non-aggression pact with Russia, and the desire of the majority of the people there is to follow the ghost of Chamberlain right to the summit. Bertrand Russell considers death the ultimate catastrophe and is not ashamed to call for a Western halt to nuclear tests. In a recent interview he was asked what he would suggest if Russian tests continued and they gained an obvious superiority in weapons. He declared that he was prepared to pay the price of Russian world domination, because eventually that world dictatorship would fall apart of its own accord.

The soul imbued by eternal life does not consider earthly existence the pearl without price. If the vindication of God's holiness in eternity is a sham, then existence here and now must be preserved at all costs, even at the cost of rightness, courage and faith. But shall a man gain the world in exchange for his soul, only to discover that he has lost both?

One would expect the trumpet call to courageous imagination and spiritual resourcefulness to come from the ranks of evangelical Christians. David Lawrence's doctrine of moral suasion in world affairs is thoroughly Christian, and the doctrine of political and moral appeasement at any price is utterly pagan. The policies of Dulles and our President have been inflexible to the extent that Christian ethics are absolute, but naturally both have been spoken of as clergymen in the slick game of political chess. Nevertheless, Christian resourcefulness has too often been lacking. No nation has a right to call itself Christian after the world watched thousands of Hungarians die alone rather than exist in slavery. Unless there is spiritual rebirth at the heart of a nation's leaders history teaches nothing. The memoirs of Winston Churchill makes dreary reading. Month after month he warned Parliament while Hitler's star ascended. So now, too, it is the way of temporal life to construct a phantom world around ourselves and insist that it is the real world.

No world, however, is the real world except the world with God at its center. To sacrifice moral rightness in the hope that evil will get tired and go home is actually to nourish evil until there is no rightness to barter. Satanic evil is today so powerful and so ideologically persistent that a lapse of courageous vigilance in order to save human life will work in reverse. The more we compromise with Communistic evil the more we assure ourselves of the results of the Hungarian revolt on a world scale.

Again, courageous imagination is required of evangelicals, because they too frequently tend to be bound by the psychological trend of conservatism which binds all their thinking. A letter written some time ago in defense of certain aspects of the work of the late Senator Joseph McCarthy received wide circulation. Immediately it was discovered that a large number of people were looking for a Messiah, with certain characteristic perspectives binding them all together. They were conservative in doctrine, felt Senator McCarthy was the saviour of America, wanted America out of the UN and the UN out of America, despised all labor unions, loved the extreme right wing of the Republican party, and utterly rejected the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Above all, evangelicals should say nothing about world affairs, because the inevitable catastrophe we were rushing toward was both certain to occur in this generation and was, after all, part of God's cosmic plan.

One wonders if the Bible is an authoritative in the emotions and will of many evangelicals as they blatantly assume. Rejecting the temptation to smugness, it might be well for judgment upon our thinking to begin in the house of the Lord. Here are possibilities that are worth considering:

1. Examine our personal and Church roles in the political life of the nation,

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". . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4). *". . . be filled with the Spirit"* (Ephesians 5:18).

THE SPIRIT—FILLED CHURCH

By ROY S. NICHOLSON

THESE ARE well known verses, but their full significance has yet to be fathomed. Joseph Agar Beet says that Ephesians 5:18 means: "Every thought, purpose, word, act (is) prompted and controlled by the Holy Spirit." Thus, the whole life—every phase of it—is under the domination of the Holy Spirit. What a challenge to our age of moral lethargy and superficial spirituality.

It is pathetic to witness the complacency the Church manifests while surrounded by an unwholesome environment. The attitude of many seems to be that the situation is hopeless; therefore, why try to resist it? This age is power-mad and problem-conscious, but God never intended for His Church to capitulate. Modern life daily becomes more complex and the competition for attention grows keener.

Man craves a stimulus, but alas, too often he seeks it in drink and drugs. God provided that stimulus in the fulness of the Holy Spirit. Phillips' translation of Ephesians 5:18 is pertinent: "Don't get your stimulus from wine (for there is always the danger of excessive drinking), but let the Spirit stimulate your souls." That divine provision will "thrill the jaded frame and lift the spirit above the task-work of life, and the dreary and hard conditions which make up the daily lot of multitudes" (Findlay).

The Church will be "Spirit-filled" only as its members appreciate the divine plan and appropriate the divine provision for them to be so filled. The promise must be claimed by each believer, and the command must be obeyed. There could be a prolonged discussion "why" this matter is presented so positively, but Brice's terse remark brings it into sharp focus: "The human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills."

In a "Spirit-filled" Church there are unmistakable evidences, one of which is the *purposeful unity* for which Jesus prayed in John 17:20-23. This unity is more than outward display. It is the consequence of having but one supreme aim: to glorify God and to fulfil one's God-appointed mission. They assembled together. They praised and worshiped God together. They were careful to observe the Sacraments. They witnessed together. They worked together, each doing his part. Not all could do the same thing, but all could do something. And like a harmonious symphony orchestra, they produced "the music of Pentecost."

Theirs was a true pattern of mutual edification. They "shared" in a very literal sense. They not only shared their material possessions with those in need of such things, they also shared their experiences of joy, sorrow, trials, perils and persecutions. With such holy "togetherness" it is no wonder that they were said to "love one another" and to "have turned the world upside down."

A Spirit-filled Church will be characterized by *supernatural power*. ". . . ye shall receive power . . ." (Acts 1:8), the Lord had promised. The sequel to that is: "And with great power . . . the apostles . . ." (Acts 4:33). This is not power to entertain or amuse, to advertise or to exalt any man. It is not power to attract attention to idiosyncrasies and trifles. It is power to cope with all that is pertinent and vital to the cause of Christ. It is *not* social intellectual or physical power, and it is more than the power of a strong and radiant personality. It is the power of God! It is power for holy living.

This power gives one true courage. It enables him to face doubters, scoffers, errorists and lovers of sinful pleasures without being intimidated by them. This power makes one equal to his divinely-appointed task. It enables him to resist temptation and to overcome the world. It is power to choose and fulfil God's will as that relates to one's creed, character and conduct, regardless of satanic pressure and solicitations. This power enhances and irradiates the human personality by placing man's will and emotions under the full control of the Spirit of God. Thus, Christ has "the preeminence in all things." This power enables one to banish every intimation of moral compromise and to resist every encroachment of menacing worldliness. No one can deny that the Church of today needs such power!

The Spirit-filled Church is distinguished by the *character-transformation* of its members. "They are not of the world." Their identification with Christ is real. They are possessed and indwelt by the Spirit who makes real to them and in them what Christ has provided for them. The life Christ lived among men is the pattern they resolve to follow in all their relationships. Self and self interests are renounced. They completely devote themselves to do God's will, and by the power of the Spirit to do so without murmuring and complaining.

The Spirit's fulness, as another expressed it, enables one not only to realize Christ's abiding presence and to re-enact Christ's supernatural power, but also to reproduce Christ's holy life. However one may define that holy life of heart purity (Acts 15:8-9), none can deny that it involves purity of intention, purity of affection and purity of motives. The Holy Spirit alone can cleanse the heart (the negative aspect of holiness) and impart the fulness of divine power (the positive side of holiness). The Church needs not only the Spirit's baptism of *power*, but also His ministry of cleansing from sin. Many who desire "power" appear unwilling to pay the price for purity. They have put on a "protective resemblance to the world." The impotence of the Church is due to its not having progressed to Pentecost. It is living beneath its privilege. If the Church would experience its Pentecost, nothing could arrest its triumph.

A further characteristic of the Spirit-filled Church is the *practical piety* of its members. It has been said by some critics of sanctity that some church folk are so heavenly-minded they are of no earthly use. It might also be observed that some others are so earthly-minded they have neglected to fit themselves for heaven. It is easy to go to extremes. But the Spirit-filled

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Church-State Loyalty

Court reporters in Washington have predicted that the Supreme Court will strike down a California law requiring churches to sign a loyalty oath as a prerequisite to tax exemption. The case was argued before the high court early in April.

One reporter said that "the court's answer can deal a finishing blow to the right of a state to demand certain loyalty oaths, or it can entrench this right more deeply than ever."

Two Los Angeles Unitarian churches brought the case to the U. S. Supreme Court. They were represented by a lawyer of the American Civil Liberties Union, who made the case a major assault on loyalty oaths in general.

The question revolves around a California constitutional amendment passed in 1953 requiring any organization seeking land-tax exemption to first sign a statement that it does not advocate violent overthrow of the government. It also must vow not to support a foreign power against the United States in case of hostilities.

The Supreme Court of California upheld the law and ruled against the churches by a narrow 4-3 decision.

Friend-of-the-court briefs have been filed by two Quaker groups and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The attorney who represented the churches said he is confident that "the climate of opinion in the country is right for a decision in our favor." However, it has been noted that three of the nine Supreme Court justices have not yet ruled on "civil liberties" cases. Their decision could make the difference.

Liquor Ad Legislation

Testimony supporting legislation to bar the interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages was submitted by Donald H. Gill, Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs of the NAE. The testimony cited a resolution passed on the floor of the Chicago convention and a statement drafted by the Social Action Commission.

The hearings on bill S-582 had been scheduled by a Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce subcommittee, with Senator Warren G. Magnuson as the chairman. They began on April 22 and continued into the following week. Almost forty witnesses appeared before the committee to support the bill. Thirty gave testimony in opposition.

In his testimony in behalf of the NAE, Gill weighed "the rights of one segment of American industry over against the interests of public welfare." He emphasized that legislation would not affect the sale or consumption of liquor, but that it "involves only the advertising of alcoholic beverages, by which the brewers and distillers may hope to extend the market for their product."

Making reference to the highway fatality rate, developed at length by other witnesses, Gill said that it called for "strict limitations" upon the advertising of the product in order to get to the root of the problem. He also cited some crime statistics showing that 60% of the arrests in 1955 were for alcoholic-related law violations. This represents a "major part of the cost of law enforcement."

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The statement prepared by the Social Action Commission of NAE read as follows:

"The 41 Protestant denominations now enrolled in the NAE cherish deeply the American concept of the sanctity of the home and the constitutional privilege to teach their children according to their understanding of the tenets of the Christian faith. They believe and teach that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is a violation of man's obligation to live a clean and holy life. They have endeavored to instruct their children in the practice of total abstinence from the consumption of alcoholic beverages as essential to the building of a sound body, mind and spirit.

"Those parents who have television sets in their homes now find their educational efforts in these matters to be continually undermined by the advertising programs of companies engaged in the manufacture and distribution of alcoholic beverages. These advertising presentations often contain animated cartoons drawn from nature. Such cartoons are particularly appealing to children.

"The members of the Commission on Social Action of the NAE respectfully request the Senate to enact legislation which will protect the privacy of the home against those types of advertising which threaten to break down the Christian standards of life taught in our homes. The Commission urges particularly the adoption of S. 582 which would bar the advertising of alcoholic beverages over such interstate media as television."

Testimony opposing the legislation was given by the brewers, distillers, advertisers and the radio-television industry. They denounced it as "unfair, un-American, unnecessary, unconstitutional, unwarranted and unsound."

Obscene Literature Legislation

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives favorably reported a bill to permit prosecution of obscene materials at the point where they are received, if carried by the U. S. postal system. The bill was introduced by Representative Emanuel Celler of New York and is similar to one introduced by Representative John Dowdy of Texas, and others.

Earlier in the session there were hearings before a subcommittee. Statements supporting the measure were submitted by the NAE and by the Churchmen's Commission on Decent Publications.

The legislation is necessary in order to avoid the effect of rulings by so-called "liberal" judges in the cities where the materials are mailed, primarily New York and Los Angeles. It will give the F.B.I. and Postal Inspectors tools to deal more effectively with the mail problem.

In recent weeks there has been increasing concern in both houses of Congress. Several bills to rectify the mail situation have been introduced in the Senate.

Action by the House of Representatives now would leave ample time for serious consideration by the Senate.

"Operation Understanding"

A Washington representative of the Baptist churches has urged that Protestant publications should pick up the cue of a Catholic priest and begin their own "Operation Understanding." The Rev. W. Barry Garrett said that some 12,000 non-Catholic clergymen now receive a Catholic newspaper.

Garrett was formerly the editor of the *Arizona Beacon,* published by the Arizona State Baptist Convention. He now serves as the associate secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"This could well be the beginning of a new era of Protestant-Catholic inter-communication that is sadly needed in the present generation. It is a fact that there has been practically no communication from Protestants to Catholics, or from Catholics to Protestants, except invectives, innuendos, name-calling and charges and countercharges," charged Garrett, according to *Washington Religious Report.*

Violent Persecution Declines

The president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Theodore F. Adams, reporting on his trip to Colombia said that violent persecution is declining.

Adams gave three reasons for the apparent decline in "violent persecution." (1) The new government has a more liberal attitude toward religious freedom. (2) Many churches in rural areas are closed or destroyed, so that the persecution has accomplished its purpose. (3) Leading Colombians have been greatly concerned about the bad name their country has received in the eyes of the world. He reported, however, that "non-violent persecution still continues in many ways." He said that "Evangelical Christians in public schools are compelled to study Catholic doctrine and to attend Catholic masses and processionals. Difficulties frequently are experienced in such matters as civil marriage, birth registration and burial of the dead."

Adams said further that Evangelicals have difficulty in securing permits for construction of church buildings. Apartment owners are requested, he said, to evict Evangelicals either because of their faith or because prayer services are being held in their home.

Dr. Adams said that Oscar Vergel Pacheco, Secretary General of the Colombian Ministry of Government, assured him on a direct question concerning religious liberty that "We will enforce the constitution."

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

The Threat of WHO

■ IN THE good names of peace, security and opportunity the Christian religion is being undermined for eventual destruction by the World Health Organization.

The WHO and the World Federation for Mental Health are working closely together in a program involving legislation and propaganda at the national and world levels. If their plans are successful they will soon have a network of governmental agencies, university chairs, mental institutions, training centers, clinics, professional psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers which can control the thinking of humanity. The system is frankly humanistic and opposed to the basic principles of Christianity.

Dr. G. B. Chisholm, past president of the National Committee on Mental Hygiene in Canada, director general of WHO from 1948-1953 and now president of the World Federation of Mental Health has frequently intimated the thinking of those behind the program.

Peace, security and opportunity cannot come to the world, according to Dr. Chisholm, as long as "morality—the concept of right and wrong" continues to exist. In the William Alanson White Memorial Lectures in Washington recently, this WHO spokesman said, "For many generations we have bowed our necks to the yoke of the conviction of sin. We have swallowed all manner of poisonous certainties fed us by our parents, our Sunday and day school teachers, our priests and others with a vested interest in controlling us . . . The reinterpretation and eventual eradication of the concept of right and wrong which has been the basis of child training, the substitution of intelligent and rational thinking for faith in the certainties of old people, these are the belated objectives of practically all effective psychotherapy. Would they not be legitimate objectives of original education? . . . With the other human sciences, psychiatry must now decide what is to be the immediate future of the human race. No one else can."

Legislation for the authorization and execution of this anti-Christian program is provided for in Article 19 of the WHO constitution. Says this section of the document "The Health Assembly (of the WHO) shall have authority to adopt conventions or agreements with respect to *any matter* within the competence of the organization." Any member nation must accept or reject such conventions or agreements within eighteen months or furnish a statement of action to the supreme authority. This leaves the door wide open for an executive agreement without consent of the Senate or the American people.

General legislative principles for the execution of the master plan were introduced in the United States through the "Draft Act Governing the Commitment and Hospitalization of the Mentally Ill" which was presented in 1950 by the Federal Security Agency, now known as the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Over thirty state legislatures have adopted portions of this Draft Act, and all states have legislation on their agendas which will implement the program. Since 1954 the National Governors' Conference on Mental Health has concentrated on getting legislation passed in all of the forty-eight states.

The personnel of the WHO includes many active Communists. Scores of others are avid Communist-fronters who are willing to dance to the music of the Kremlin. Combined with humanists and atheists of no particular political complexion there is no more subtle and effective effort being made against Christianity anywhere in the world.

Your tax money is being appropriated by the Congress and our state legislatures by the millions to thus accomplish the destruction of Christian moral and religious traditions which have made this nation great. If you value your Christian heritage, now is the time to protest this insidious mental health movement at local, state and national levels before it is everlastingly too late.

"God's Will Be Done"

■ GOD IS THE Supreme Ruler of the Universe and His will must be done by all His subjects. When that will is done, peace and goodwill and other blessings naturally follow.

Over the portal of a great Federal Court building in Ohio are carved the words, "Obedience to law is the larger liberty." The citizen who obeys the law of the land is free to enjoy the blessings of liberty. He who disobeys not only feels the heavy heel of justice but pays other penalties which society and his own conscience inflict. So it is in the Kingdom of God. The will of God, so clearly set forth in the Word of God, is best for us. Obedience to Him is the larger liberty.

In our Lord's Model Prayer we pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." This thought should never be omitted from any prayer we utter. Many of our prayers are so out of line with the will of God and what is best for our own lives that this is the only way they can be justified. Christ, praying in agony in the garden of Gethsemane, just before His crucifixion, cried, "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." And because He was willing to do the Father's will we have redemption.

There is no finer, greater prayer we can pray than, "Thy will be done." It is the prayer beyond all other prayers which guarantees the richest and best of life for us. So let us pray it in three of its aspects: (1) *Thy will be done* in the objective and ultimate sense of the completion of God's purpose in the earth; (2) *Thy will be done in me,* that my own life purpose may be accomplished; and (3) *Thy will be done through me,* that I may be a channel of blessing to others and be used of God to accomplish His purpose.

We cannot ignore the social aspects of God's will. If His will is to be done in us and through us there are certain implications regarding our relations in the world in which we live. God would have us bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to those who are in bondage, build up the old wastes and the desolations of many generations, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give the cup of cold water to the thirsty, heal the sick, and participate in a thousand and one other manifestations of Christian benevolence and love. We will assume our share of the responsibility for the cultural crisis which has overtaken our world; for the policies of our nation if it is to remain true to its divine purpose and function; for the application of Christian social justice in our industrial age; for international goodwill and world peace.

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INDIAN HAND-WASHING CUSTOM RE-ENACTED

At Park Street Church 19th annual Missionary Conference, Boston, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, and Mrs. Lee Kindberg, missionary in the jungles of Peru, extreme right, watch Mrs. Wallace Paddon, president of Woman's Union Missionary Society, and Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor and conference director, re-enact Indian after-meal hand washing custom.

missions

EFMA Executive At Missions Meet

BOSTON—"The Present Outlook of Missions" was the topic of a key address by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor at the Nineteenth Annual Missionary Conference here at Park Street Church (*Action* May 15).

Dr. Taylor, executive director of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, Washington, D. C., which serves more than 12,000 missionaries, declared: "By using the techniques of the Apostle Paul which they found in the fourteenth chapter of the Book of Acts in the Bible, the Communists have spread their ideology until it has now engulfed 900 million people. Instead of planting churches they have planted Communistic cells to attain their objective which is the scientific redemption of the world. Not only must these cells be self-supporting and self-directive, but they must also be self-propagating to survive. The purpose of our world missions is to establish churches as initiated by the Apostle Paul which likewise must be self-propagating. We must teach, instruct and inspire these new churches so that they in turn will pick up the torch of the Gospel and carry it abroad."

Continuing, the speaker (who is close to the world situation as secretary of affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals) pointed out that today's world missionary agencies are stressing youth activities because in some countries more than 50% of the population is under 21 years of age. "The Communists, too," he said, "are acutely aware of this and are pushing their philosophy in schools and universities."

Stressing the need for 10,000 more missionaries within the next five years, Dr. Taylor said, "There are still a million villages, towns and cities throughout the world without a single Protestant missionary or church."

Sixty missionaries from five continents participated in the conference.

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public affairs

New Tax Exemptions Provided for Ministers

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— Ministers of religion who take summer school courses or take college work at night to better prepare themselves for their ministry can now deduct the expense of this education on their income tax returns.

This was disclosed by the Internal Revenue Service which said that a recent ruling allowing school teachers to deduct the expense of summer school is sufficiently broad to apply to members of all professional groups who need to undertake further education in order to maintain or improve the skills they use in their profession.

All persons employed in religious education and many who work as ministers of music or as social workers for religious organizations can also benefit from the new regulation.

The principal requirement, as specified in the Internal Revenue Service regulation, is that the education must be undertaken primarily for the purpose of "(1) Maintaining or improving skills required by the taxpayer in his employment or other trade or business or (2) Meeting the express requirements of a taxpayer's employer, or the requirements of applicable laws or regulations, imposed as a condition to the retention by the taxpayer of his salary, status, or employment."

Whether or not the education undertaken by a minister, or a church worker falls within the definition of an allowable deduction depends on an individual investigation of each case by the Internal Revenue Service office where the taxpayer files his annual income tax return.

Pennsylvania Druggists Favor Sunday Closing

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(RNS)—Member druggists of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association voted 1,577

to 653 in favor of closing their stores on Sundays. In an association poll, they also voted 1,458 to 669 not to ask the group to oppose Sunday closing legislatin expected to gain strong backing in the 1958 state legislature.

Drug stores would probably be exempted from a general prohibition of Sunday business. State law now bans unnecessary retail sales but provides only a $4 fine for violations.

Seek Injunction Halt Sunday Selling

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(RNS)— An injunction to halt Sunday selling by two drive-in markets here is being sought by two Nashville grocers. The plaintiffs, members of the Nashville Retail Grocers Association, claimed their businesses were being damaged by the Sunday operations. Tennessee laws provide a fine of $10 for each violation of the state Sunday closing regulations.

Bill Proposes Church Liability Immunity

TRENTON, N. J.—(RNS)—A bill which would grant immunity from liability in negligence litigation to all non-profit institutions administered by religious, charitable or medical groups was introduced in the Senate here .

Sponsored by Sen. Frank S. Farley, the new measure would not, however, protect "agents or servants" individually accused of negligence in litigations.

Referred to the Committee of the Judiciary, introduction of the measure followed by one week a 5-2 decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court setting aside a century-old state doctrine of granting immunity to all such organizations.

Justices Harry Heher and Albert E. Burling in a dissenting opinion had held that the court could not over-rule the traditional doctrine and that it was up to the legislature, and not the courts, to decide public policy.

The new bill, if it becomes law, will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1956. It would cover all churches, educational, medical and welfare buildings operated by the groups as well as parish houses, auditoriums and other such structures maintained by them.

sunday school

"Satellite Age" Is Topic Of Sunday School Rally

LOS ANGELES—A conservatively estimated 1,900 Sunday School teachers and workers gathered at Pasadena College for the Annual Spring Rally sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles Sunday School Association.

Featured speaker for the event, which also included a number of panels and seminars, was Dr. Irwin Moon, director of the Moody Institute of Science. Speaking on "The Satellite Age Challenges the Sunday School," Moon charged that "there are only two places in the world where religion is banned in the schools—the United States and Russia."

Calling upon the Sunday School to remedy the lack of religious instruction in the Sunday School, Moon urged the Sunday School teachers to familiarize themselves with the genuine accomplishments of modern science and to prepare themselves to answer the scientific questions of their students.

"You have the most important job in the world today," he told the teachers. "Be prepared to answer every question your students have regarding science and the Bible."

Baraca-Philathea Union Convenes at Boca Raton

MOUNT VERNON, Va.—The World Wide Baraca and Philathea Bible Class Union (interdenominational), which has its headquarters here, will hold its Annual Convention July 7-11 at Boca Raton Bible Conference Grounds, Boca Raton, Florida. Dr. Ira Lee Eshleman, director of the Conference Grounds, will welcome the delegates and speak at the closing banquet. Dr. Wendell P. Loveless, who broadcasts a Gospel message daily over the Bible Conference's radio station WDBF, will teach a Bible Class each morning of the convention.

Other features will be workshops, reports on class activities, secret service prayer sessions, quiet hour talks, inspirational music, beach parties, sight-seeing, and wonderful Christian fellowship.

A Sunrise Consecration Service will include a memorial to the founder of the Baraca-Philathea movement, Marshall A. Hudson, a Christian business man of Syracuse, N. Y., who back in 1890 had the vision of an organized class plan for young men (Baracas). Three years later his daughter started a similar organization for young women (Philatheas). The Union now has classes in most of the United States, in Canada and in a few foreign countries. It is essentially a Bible Class movement with the platform. "Young Men and Young Women at Work for Young Men and Young Women, All Standing by the Bible, the Bible School, and the Church."

Arrangements for the Convention are under the general direction of President William A. Fox, Cincinnati, Ohio.

youth

Jack Wyrtzen Youth Rally Held at Park Street Church

BOSTON—Recently returned from Brazil where he established its first Christian youth camp, Jack Wyrtzen, internationally known youth leader, conducted a Word of Life Youth Rally at Park Street Church in Boston. "Revolutionizing with the Gospel at Home and Abroad" was the topic of his address to the large assembly of delegations from churches and schools throughout New England.

While in Brazil, Mr. Wyrtzen had an opportunity to study the needs of its people and make a comparison with

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● 1,000 MISSIONARIES before the end of 1960 is the goal of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, according to Dr. H. L. Turner. The goal was adopted at the 61st annual international general council in Winnipeg. Alliance missionaries to the number of 822 are now serving in 22 fields in Asia, Africa, South America and the Near East. Alliance gifts for missions amounted to $3,352,791 last year.

● LINCOLN SQUARE, long in New York's legal limelight because of alleged Church-State lawbreaking in favor of Fordham University, will now be subject to a suit in the United States Supreme Court. Harry L. Present, attorney for two groups of tax payers opposing the 13-block project filed the petition.

● BILLY GRAHAM drew a total attendance of 327,200 in the first half of the six-week San Francisco Crusade. During the first twenty meetings 11,737 persons made decisions for Christ. The crusade scheduled to run until June 7 may be extended two weeks. A huge rally in the Kezar Stadium will climax the meetings.

● DR. GEO. D. STROHM has resigned as president of St. Paul (Minn.) Bible Institute. Dr. Strohm has headed the school since 1932. It then had an enrollment of 75; today it has a student body of 408.

● ON AUGUST 1 Dr. Charles Caldwell Ryrie will assume the presidency of Philadelphia Bible Institute. He comes to the position from the Dallas Theological Seminary where he was associate professor of Systematic Theology.

● WORLD'S FAIR at Brussels, Belgium has a number of evangelical missions represented. The Belgian Gospel Mission in cooperation with a number of evangelical groups in Belgium, maintains a Bible pavilion with evangelicals on duty every day. The Pocket Testament League will distribute 50,000 Gospels in September. African Inland Mission is well represented.

● DR. THEODORE H. EPP, famed "Back to the Bible" radio broadcaster, dedicated a new hospital at Shell Mera, Ecuador, May 10. It is located on the edge of the jungle and will serve Indian tribes under the auspices of Station HCJB, Quito.

● BROOKS HAYS was reelected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its 101st annual meeting in Houston, Texas. He will serve his second term as head of this 9,000,000-member denomination. Some 15,000 attended this year's gathering.

the spiritual needs of the United States. He presented a viewpoint on missions that gave different emphasis and drove home the need for a reappraisal of man's present-day sense of values. The Word of Life Fellowship now helps to support sixty missionaries in eighteen countries.

Also on the program was a first showing of Jack Wyrtzen's camp film, "Vacation of a Lifetime." As the Director of three of the best equipped Christian camps in America, situated in the heart of the Adirondacks on Schroon Lake, N. Y., he reported that registrations are running ahead of last year. In 1957, over 14,000 people from forty-eight states and fifty-one foreign countries visited his camps.

Preparations for a gigantic Word of Life Youth Rally at Madison Square Garden in New York City on June 7 are being made by the world-traveled religious leader who has conducted youth campaigns in thirty countries.

New College CBMC Has Been Inaugurated

CHICAGO—A new class of membership has been created by the board of directors of Christian Business Men's Committee International, known as College CBMC, Dr. T. E. McCully, executive secretary, announced.

Eligible are Christian students enrolled in a university, college, or training school with the intention of entering business or professional life other than "full-time Christian service."

College membership entitles students to carry a special College Membership Card, purchase and wear the College CBMC lapel pin, receive *CBMC Contact,* monthly magazine, and attend International conventions, conferences and retreats.

Christian Endeavor Holds Citizenship Convocation

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Convocation for youth will be held in New York City July 4-6, according to announcement at International CE Headquarters here by Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The featured speaker at the Convocation will be the honorable Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman of the United Nations Indo-Pakistan Commission. This outstanding Christian leader is a former senator from North Carolina and is the uncle of Evangelist Billy Graham. Other speakers will include Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; Dr. Oscar Bussey of Glasgow, president of the Scottish National Union; Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society; and Dr. A. W. Shattschneider, pastor of the New Dorp Moravian Church, Staten Island, New York.

Winners in the seventh annual Citizenship Contest being conducted by the Christian Endeavor movement will be honored at the meetings in July. These youth will receive the Albert H. Diebold Awards, which total $1,000 in cash plus a trip to New York City for the two top winners.

WORLD-WIDE

Communist Papers Attack EKID Synod

BERLIN —(RNS)— East German Communist newspapers sharply attacked the Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) for failing to "condemn West German atomic armament" at its recent meeting here.

The Synod adopted a resolution condemning atomic war, but it stressed that "deep conflict prevails within the Synod regarding atomic weapons." It said opinion ranged "from the belief that even producing and stocking weapons of mass destruction is a sin to the conviction that situations are conceivable in which defense with equal weapons is justifiable before God."

The Communist papers charged that "many of the incidents at the Synod meeting were an unprecedented agitation against the East German Republic and a downright justification of atomic murder."

Reports here from East Germany disclosed meanwhile that Communist officials there had started a campaign of retaliation against East German members of the Synod.

They said a pastor in Goerlitz named Fraenkel had been singled out particularly because he denounced a group of 200 Communists who demonstrated outside the hall where the Synod met.

ABS Supplies Scriptures For Bombay Bible Tour

NEW YORK CITY—American Bible Society, in its program for distribution of the Scriptures in many lands, provided the funds for purchase of books carried on the first tour of the Bombay (India) Bible Van. Books carried in the van were in a number of languages including English, Marathi, Hindi, Kanarese and Urdu—thus bringing the Scriptures within reach of people in villages who, in many instances, had never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

Other ABS projects of recent dates have resulted in making the Scriptures available. Embossed Scriptures and Talking Book records issued to the blind in the United States in the past year were 50,587. In addition to this 5,119 Scripture volumes and Talking Book records were issued in foreign countries, for a grand total of 55,706. The Finger-Phono, a small hand-operated phonograph, on which Scripture recordings will be supplied for certain tribes and peoples where the rate of literacy is low, was introduced last year. In the United States, on reservations in New Mexico and Arizona, there are more than 1,000 machines being used among the Navaho Indians. Phonographs are now being sent to Liberia with Scripture records in Gio and Kpelle.

Miss Eleanor Wilson, missionary in the Marshall Islands, South Pacific, has written the American Bible Society of her appreciation for the recent shipment of 200 Marshall Islands Scriptures. "I have given away 43 of the new Bibles to people on Jalnit who lost everything in the typhoon" she wrote. "They were given clothing and food, but the thing they wanted most were their Bibles and Hymn Books. You don't know how happy the People were to get them!"

In Iraq, Scriptures are being distributed as a part of a colporteur-training project under the leadership of the ABS representative. Scriptures have been circulated there in as many as 97 languages.

"Muscular" Evangelism Is Plea of CMA Editor

WINNIPEG, Man. — (RNS) — Missionaries attending a meeting here were warned by a religious editor that a "muscular type" of evangelism is needed to bring the evangelical church back to the Scriptures. Dr. A. W. Tozer, editor of *Alliance Witness,* Chicago, said that present day evangelism is weakened by a "lean godliness and too much spiritual blubber." He addressed the Christian and Missionary Alliance's general council which met prior to the alliance's annual convention.

Dr. Tozer said that "we have left repentance of sins, which included the forsaking of them; we have left discipleship out of conversation; we have made the 'way of the cross' easy—glittering as on a Christmas card, instead of with thorns for the believer." Christianity is "produced" today, he said, by using the methods of big business, advertising and show business, instead of by using conversion.

The current trend is to make men salesmen instead of saints, Dr. Tozer said, adding that "we can't justify our disobedience to God by long hours of prayer, if we continue in our sin." What Christians need the most now, he said, is not revival, but reformation, "a return to self-denial, self-crucifixion, purity, sanctity and obedience."

DENOMINATIONS

LLL Lays Cornerstone For Its New Headquarters

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Cornerstone of the new $400,000 Lutheran Laymen's League headquarters building was laid on Pentecost Sunday, it was announced here by A. W. Herrmann, president of the 102,000-member organization. Located at 2185 Hampton Avenue in midtown St. Louis, the new building will provide 18,000 square feet of air-conditioned office space and mailing facilities for the League's far-flung operations. A chapel-recording studio at the front of the building was dedicated in memory of the late Dr. Walter A. Maier, the Lutheran Hour's first speaker from 1930 to 1950.

R. I. Congregationalists Urge Disarmament Action

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—(RNS)—Immediate United Nations disarmament action and an agreement on a cutoff date for nuclear weapons tests agreeable to all nations involved, was urged here by the Rhode Island Congregational Conference.

During its 156th annual meeting, the conference also asked the US to stop immediately its tests. It defeated a

proposal making the action dependent on a prior Soviet agreement to open inspection which would determine that Russia had done likewise.

Other resolutions urged that the government form a foreign economic policy taking into account the current recession and that the status of Hungarian refugees be regularized. The meeting also expressed its concern over the recent Immigration Department treatment of two deportees, and denounced racing, bingo and other games of chance in the state.

The delegates said the nuclear weapons test suspension motion was prompted by Russia's announcement —"spurious though it may be"—to stop its program and by the fact that "our continuing tests increase the world's distrust of our intentions."

Nazarene Giving Sets New Record

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(RNS)—General budget giving for world evangelism in the Church of the Nazarene reached a new record high of $3,497,482 during the fiscal year ending on April 30, Church officials announced here. They said the total was an increase of $259,187, or eight per cent, more than the general budget giving of $3,238,294 last year.

The 1957-58 total included $848,500 raised during the denomination's annual Easter appeal for world missions. A similar appeal, with a $1,000,000 goal, is scheduled for the Thanksgiving season.

Regular Baptist Churches On Ecumenical Evangelism

FRESNO, Calif.—Regular Baptists of California spoke out clearly on the subject of ecumenical evangelistic crusades in their recent annual session in the Cedar Avenue Baptist Church here. Rev. Herbert A. Farrar, secretary of the Council of Seven, certifies that the following resolution is a true and accurate copy of the one passed by the assembled messengers from both Northern and Southern California:

"Whereas, our constitution states that our association is to be made up of Baptist churches not in fellowship or cooperation with modernism and since it is inconsistent to withdraw from one group infiltrated with modernism and then join ourselves with another,

"Be it therefore resolved, That we re-affirm our position as Bible-believing Baptists adhering loyally to the orthodox doctrines of the Christian faith, and that we re-affirm our faith in our constitution and Articles of Faith of the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

"Be it further resolved, That we express our regrets that because of the inclusive character of the sponsors and the interfaith distribution of converts, that we cannot approve the ecumenical evangelistic movement in either cooperation or financial support, and

"Be it further resolved, That we encourage our churches, through these days of stress, to continue loyalty to their churches and pastors and to go on record as making it a very definite part of our prayer burden to pray for the leaders of the ecumenical movement of this day that their preaching may always be true to the Word of God and that they may sever all alliances with ungodly modernism and the world."

Brethren in Christ To Meet in Canada

FORT ERIE, Ontario—The Brethren in Christ Church will meet on the campus of the Niagara Christian College, near Fort Erie, June 11-16. The church crosses the International Border every five years for its Annual Conference. It so happens that the meeting place this year is within a few miles of the spot where John Winger, one of the founders of the church crossed into Canada and established one of the early congregations of the church.

The evening sessions and parts of several afternoon sessions will be devoted to promoting the varied interests of the church. Foreign Mission work will be reported upon by representatives from Africa and India. Bishop Arthur M. Climenhaga, General Superintendent of the Rhodesian Field, will address the Conference. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, of the National Association of Evangelicals, is scheduled to bring a message on, "A New Missionary for a "New Day."

A Board for Schools and Colleges Rally will feature a mass chorus of former students of the church's three educational institutions, closing with an address by Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr. A Youth Rally will be addressed by Rev. J. B. Toews on "Non-Combatant versus Alternate Service." The Rally will close with the church-wide Bible Quiz Finals directed by Curtis Byer.

The business sessions of the Conference will give consideration to a proposed revision of the Constitution of the church. This year's Moderator is Bishop Henry A. Ginder of Manheim, Pa. The Canadian Conference under the leadership of Bishop E. J. Swalm will be hosts to the General Conference.

evangelism

Bay Cities Crusade Continues to Amaze

SAN FRANCISCO—(EP)—Both attendance and spiritual results at the San Francisco Bay Cities Crusade continue to amaze long-time church observers in this area. Totals through the meeting of Wednesday night, May 14, showed an aggregate attendance thus far of well over 240,000, with more than 8,500 "decisions for Christ" reported.

One of the early highlights of the campaign was a meeting "especially aimed at youth." A check of the 1243 decisions—largest ever for an indoor single meeting in a Graham campaign —showed that "approximately 70 per cent of these were young people," according to a Crusade sokesman.

Both the evangelist and the other members of his team have been kept more-than-busy in extra meetings. Dr. Graham addressed the prisoners at California's famed San Quentin Penitentiary. A series of four Friday morn-

BILLY GRAHAM AND EVANGELICALS IN CHICAGO

Pictured here are seven evangelical leaders of the Chicago Area as they met in conference with Dr. Billy Graham at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago to discuss possibilities of plans for a Chicago Graham Crusade. Left to right are: Rev. Sam McDill, pastor of Lorimer Baptist Church and member of the Board of the Midwest Region NAE; Dr. Charles Joseph Anderson, executive director of the Midwest Region of the NAE (serving the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Southern and Eastern Wisconsin); Dr. Fred P. Thompson, Jr., pastor of the Englewood Christian Church and treasurer of the Midwest west Board; Dr. Graham; Rev. Arley L. Bragg, pastor of the First Evangelical Free Church, and Midwest NAE Board president; Rev. Arthur D. Zahniser, pastor of the First Free Methodist Church of Evanston (also secretary of the Midwest Regional NAE Board and treasurer of the Evangelical Ministers Association of Greater Chicago); Dr. Elmer Palmer, pastor of Judson Baptist Church of Oak Park and EMA president, and Rev. A. E. Anderson, pastor of the First United Evangelical Church of Highland Park and EMA Secretary. Dr. Graham told the group that although he had not committed himself to a definite plan of coming to Chicago for a Crusade, he was open to the leading of the Lord on the matter and would give an invitation "prayerful consideration."

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First Auca Convert Baptized at Wheaton

WHEATON, Ill.—The first Auca Indian Christian convert was baptized here, with three languages used in the service. Dayuma, who fled from her tribe of Warani Auca Indians several years ago to escape the brutal killings of her tribe, is apparently the first member of the Stone Age Aucas to become a Christian. She was flown to the United States a year ago to appear on the "This Is Your Life" program with Miss Rachel Saint, sister of Nate Saint, one of the missionaries martyred while ministering to the Auca tribe. Since then she has been with Miss Saint at the Wycliffe Bible Translator missionary station in Sulphur Springs, Ark. There she has been teaching her language to the translators and making recorded tapes in her own tongue for her people.

Dayuma was baptized in the Evangelical Free Church here with Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, officiating. Dr. Carl Armerding, professor of Bible at the college, brought the message in English; Miss Saint translated it to Dayuma in the Auca language, and Renee Padilla, graduate student from Ecuador, gave the prayer of dedication in Spanish.

education

Literacy Courses Given This Summer

BERKELEY, Calif.—Three Laubach Literacy Courses will be offered July 7 to Aug. 1 at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

A beginners' course of techniques of adult literacy and writing for new literates, an advanced course on the same subjects, and a course on linguistics for literacy teachers will be offered.

These courses are designed to meet the needs of those preparing for missionary work abroad or in the home mission field; missionaries on furlough, workers with migrants and immigrants; foreign students; active and retired teachers; social workers.

Information may be secured from the Registrar, Miss Alice Sanderson, 2124 Bonar St., Berkeley, Calif.

Bryan University Students Compete on "Alcoholism"

DAYTON, Tenn.—At a recent chapel hour in Bryan University, students competed in the campus finals of the oratorical contest on "Alcoholism and Related Problems." Winner of the contest, Franklin Huston, received a cash prize of $15.00 and the opportunity to participate in the college contest on the state level. Second and third-prize winners, Alan Winkler and Rachael O'Hara, received cash prizes of $7.50 and $2.50 respectively.

The contest, sponsored by the Bryan speech classes, was held in cooperation with the Tennessee state organization of WCTU, of which Mrs. S. C. Beard of Jonesboro is president.

Culter Academy Summer Session

LOS ANGELES—A specialized and diversified summer session will be offered June 30 through August 8 by Culter Academy it was announced here by President John Blanchard. Open to students nine through fourteen years of age, the summer school will combine remedial work for those who need it, improvement and enrichment courses for those who do not, and plenty of activity for all. Developmental and remedial work will be offered in reading and arithmetic while there will also be instruction in personal typing needs, home economics as related chiefly to food and clothing, arts and crafts, and other recreational activities, and many others.

The summer program will be supervised by regular faculty members of Culter Academy. Daily chapel services for the students will also be held. Classes will be held in the morning while in the afternoon excursions will be conducted to places of interest such as Travel Town, the harbor, Pierce Agricultural School, a bird sanctuary, arboretum and others.

Culter Academy was founded in 1936 and during the regular school year has approximately 400 students in the elementary, junior high and high school divisions.

Wheaton College Honored by State

WHEATON, Ill.—(EP)—The 1959 Illinois motor vehicle license plates will have blue and gold colors in honor of Wheaton College, where basketball and other athletic teams in recent years have brought honor and glory to the state. The regular license plate will have gold numerals on a blue background. Truck plates will be blue numerals on a gold background. Dr. V. Raymond Edman is president of the college, and Lee Pfund is coach of the title-winning basketball teams.

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Canadian Pentecostals Go to British Columbia

TORONTO, Ont.—For the first time in its 42-year history, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada took their Biennial General Conference to Vancouver, British Columbia, May 22-27. Occasion was celebration of the province's centennial. Previous PCA general conferences had been held as far west as Calgary. Some four hundred accredited ministerial and lay delegates attended the conference sessions, which were preceded by a meeting of the denomination's plenary general executive committee.

Another "first" for this Canadian Pentecostal group will be the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches in Exhibition Park here September 14-21 when delegates from more than thirty nation will meet in North America for the first time. Provision is being made for attendance of 30,000. Rev. Walter E. McAlister, general superintendent of the denomination, is chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Conference.

Conservative Baptists Hold Annual Convention

DENVER — National Conservative Baptist Fellowship gatherings are scheduled here June 25-July 1 in Central Presbyterian Church. Speakers include Dr. Edward Simpson, dean of Pillsbury Conservative Baptist Bible College, Owatonna, Minn., and president of the National Sunday School Association; Dr. Lehman Strauss of Highland Park Baptist Church, Detroit; Dr. Mitchell Seidler, pastor of Norwood Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dr. Lloyd T. Anderson of Bathany Baptist Church, West Covina, Calif.

The Fellowship will sponsor a luncheon and have at least two board meetings during the convention period. Foremost in matters for discussion is the pre-millennial issue which will be before the CBFMS for a vote. Leaders are expecting the expressed attitude of delegates to conform to the Denver Seminary Policies and Principles: "The Seminary is militantly conservative in its stand upon the Bible as the only trustworthy and authoritative revelation of God. Besides holding fast to the cardinal doctrines of the Scriptures as confessed by all orthodox evangelicals, the Seminary is positively and aggressively pre-millennial in eschatology."

The denomination is in process of establishing a seminary in the San Francisco Bay Area.

PRESS

Mail Rates Changes to Affect Religious Press

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A Congressional conference committee agreed here not to increase second class mail rates for religious and other non-profit periodicals. They did vote, however, to raise third class rates for other printed matter deposited by non-profit organizations. But this increase will be only one-fourth cent per piece, and will not take effect until July 1, 1960.

After eleven weeks of dispute between the two Houses of Congress over amendments the Senate adopted to a mail rate and postal pay bill approved by the House in 1957, the two chambers came to a tentative agreement on all points in controversy. The conference committee's report must still be approved by both Houses and the resulting bill signed by the president, but there is a good chance the compromise will be accepted.

Non-profit organizations will be faced with an increase in first class mail rates from three cents to four, in air mail rates from six cents to seven, and on postcards from two cents to three. Religious publishing houses face an increase in the book rate to nine cents for the first pound, instead of eight, and five cents for each additional pound, instead of four, as at present.

Historic Baptist Records Discovered in Cornerstones

PHILADELPHIA—(RNS)—A quantity of Baptist records and publications of 1885 were recovered from the cornerstones of two cottages of the Philadelphia Baptist Orphanage. Twenty orphanage directors witnessed the opening of the two sealed boxes, which were taken from the foundations of the cottages during their demolition.

All in a state of perfect preservation, the papers included copies of 20 newspapers, many of which have long ceased publication. Among the papers were the *Religious Herald* of Richmond, Va.; the *Baptist Courier* of Greenville, S. C., the *Chicago Standard;* the *Texas Baptist Herald;* the *Central Baptist* of St. Louis; *The Watchman* of Boston; *The True Baptist* of Jackson, Tenn.; *The Western Recorder* of Louisville; *The Arkansas Evangel,* and *The Canadian Baptist of Toronto.*

Communist Party Resumes Publication in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (RNS)—*La Hora* (The Hour), official organ of the Communist Party in Argentina, has resumed publication here. The paper was suppressed by the former Peron regime after it had outlawed the Communist Party.

Radio - TV

"Ascension Day" Is Topic Of Lutheran Hour Speaker

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—"The time may come when man will travel to the moon," stated Dr. Oswald Hoffman on the Lutheran Hour broadcast Sunday, May 18. "If that happens," he continued, "it will receive the biggest headlines ever given to a news story in the history of the world." Speaking in an "Ascension Day" program, Dr. Hoffman continued, "Today we commemorate an event incomparably more startling, accompanied without fanfare, extensive preparation, and repeated tests, and resulting in much greater benefit for the world than any flight to the moon will ever bring."

The following Sunday in a special Pentecost broadcast heard on radio stations around the world, Dr. Hoffman declared, "The Spirit of God is still able to change men's lives completely. The problem is that there are too many people around who want to be called Christians, but who are simply unwilling to accept the Spirit's terms. In order to get power, one must be attached to the source of power."

Reform

New Office Established To Deal With Obscenity

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— A new office designed to combat smut and fraud operators using US mails was established here by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Charles Ablard, an attorney from Enid, Okla., who has been with the Post Office Department three years, was appointed "judicial officer" to serve as special assistant to Chief Counsel Herbert B. Warbuton. Mr. Ablard was given broad discretional powers to set up the office which he hoped would speed up prosecution of obscenity and fraud cases. He also said the new department will make it possible "to short-cut hearing examiners'

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William Ward Ayer, national radio minister and for the past nineteen years a trustee of Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, spent ten days in the Philadelphia area recently preaching each night and twice on Sunday at the Overbrook Baptist Church. During that period he gave two lectures on evangelism to Dr. Norman Paullin's Department of Evangelism at the Seminary.

Oswald J. Smith, for the past thirty years pastor of The Peoples Church, Toronto, and internationally known evangelist, recently celebrated his "Golden Jubilee" in the ministry.

Roy H. Terry, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) of Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, received the "Air Force Chaplain of the Year" award from the Reserve Officers Association in Washington, D. C.

Hugh Harris, an ex-Navy man who made his decision for Christ on the opening night of Billy Graham's 1949 Crusade in Los Angeles, left the United States in May to represent The Navigators in Japan. He joined The Navigators' staff during Billy Graham's Oklahoma City Crusade in June 1956.

Clyde Dennis, president of Good News Publishers and Lithocolor Press (formerly Good News Press) is recuperating at his Rolling Hills, California, home following an operation.

Al Sanders, for the past five years Radio Director of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, has been promoted to Vice President in charge of Public Relations, according to announcement by Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland, President.

Mrs. May Roper Coker of Hartsville, S. C., who reared three daughters of her own and five step-children, was named American Mother of the Year for 1958. Her selection was announced by Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, president of the American Mothers Committee.

Spirit-filled Church

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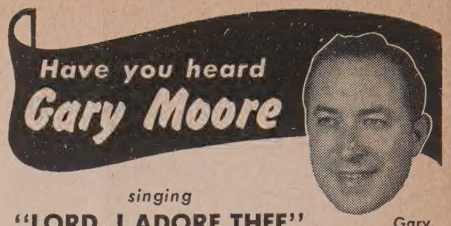
Church's charity is as eminent as its piety. The principles of Jesus become the working bases of life for its members.

The ideal pattern is the early Church in which no one's need was ignored. If they had resources sufficient to meet a material need, they did so cheerfully. There was no complaining about what it cost them. They were constrained to love and compelled by gratitude for what Christ had done in their behalf.

The Spirit-filled Church knows that true piety is more than a robe of profession to be worn occasionally. It is a daily habit of life patterned after Him who "went about doing good." There are some circumstances which create needs for the material things of life. Other circumstances create needs



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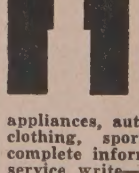

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for other types of help. And as truly as the Holy Spirit (who has been called "A Friend in Need"—Paraclete) ministers to the individual spiritually in his time of need, so the Spirit-filled Church ministers to the needs of those within its fellowship at the Holy Spirit's prompting. If the Church were more concerned about the needs of those in its fellowship, perhaps there would be more attention to the Church's message and more concern about its needs.

One of the outstanding characteristics of the Spirit-filled Church is its consuming *passion for souls.* Fire is one of the symbols of the Spirit, and His baptism was symbolized as a baptism of fire. The Spirit sets the soul ablaze. Fire sets things in motion, generates warmth and attracts attention. Perhaps one reason the Church attracts so few today is its lack of holy fervor. More is needed than a "beautiful order of service." More is required than the exact and complex function of a loyal ecclesiasticism. More is needed than "a heartless routine of ritualism." More is needed than a splendid, frigid orthodoxy. The man of the world waits to see if any man cares for his soul. Too often he says: "No man cares . . ."

This is no plea for a rampant and sensational emotionalism, but for the recovery of the Church's lost passion for souls. It will be recovered only by the return to basic Christian convictions. All men are lost. There is only one Saviour. Today is the day of salvation. Tomorrow may be too late to prepare for an eternity with God.

Man needs a new conception of God, a new estimate of religion, a new appreciation for the worth and dignity of humanity, a new sense of personal accountability for his character and conduct, and an understanding of how the ideal may become a reality in his life. Such needs can be met only by men and women of deep and definite convictions, whose hearts burn with a passion to share Christ with others. Such convictions and such a passion will both triumph over the iron curtain and repulse the gates of hell.

And finally, the Spirit-filled Church is marked by *enthusiastic perseverance.* The world seems to be caught in an intellectual recoil against emotional expression in religion. But the Spirit-filled Church is "a nest of singing birds." Ordinary men and women are transformed so completely that they become extraordinary. Cowardice gives way to courage. The cold "argument of logic" gives way to the warm "appeal to life." The half-hearted become intensely earnest. The uncertain are controlled by positive convictions. The dull are made radiant by the divine Spirit. The selfish are so changed that they rejoice to have a share in helping others.

Cold obedience gives way to "a passion for righteousness." Frigid formality is displaced by fragrant fervor Fear retreats before "infectious joy." Hesitation is crowded off the stage by "exuberant energy." Negative repression is deserted for positive expression. "The slavish sense of duty burst into an eager flame of devotion" (Brice). A Spirt-filled Church forgets itself, rises above the trivial, manifests a new intensity in living and challenges the strongholds of sin in the name of the Lord.

In view of our present condition, only one conclusion is possible: The Church is living far beneath its privilege. It is not appropriating available resources. It seems uaware of the magnitude of its mission in this hour of world crisis. Before it can meet the needs of this day, its own deepest need must be met. That need is the fulness of the Holy Spirit. That need can and will be met when the Church's individual members abandon themselves to the full control of the Holy Spirit. Many hesitate, fearing the consequences of such a step. Nevertheless, neglecting to be Spirit-filled will prove tragic in time and in eternity, for one is not only chargeable for what he does, but for what he might have been and have done through the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

World Crisis

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and our program in urging order, peace and righteousness in world affairs. God's plan for unity in Christ is delineated in Ephesians and the Church is assigned definite areas in which to examine its responsibilities and relationships in this present evil world. Will those who stand in the traditions of men like Roger Williams, Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Wesley assert that Christians have no function in influencing temporal governments in accord with the constraints of the eternal Life?

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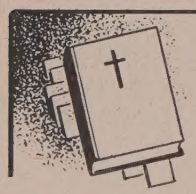

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In our day opposing forces will be satisfied with no less a prize than the world. It will be won by the sacrifice of life. The Church can thrive in courage when she realizes Christ poured out His life to bring about the defeat of Satan. Russia is prepared to sacrifice lives. The Church once turned the world upside down when cities were bathed in the blood of the martyrs. In Acts 4 Peter was threatened, the Church prayed to the "Sovereign Lord" for boldness, and boldness was granted. Courage becomes the possessors of eternal life. Intrepidity is the nature of the Church because her program is geared to an eternal Plan. She considers the cosmic rule of Christ a *fait accompli*. The Church may well echo the response of Rupert Brooke in his day, "Now God be thanked who matched us with this hour!"